



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 30th 2022

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Community Worship Service
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 30th

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love arr. John Carter

GREETING

Come! Hear the call of God:

"Speak of me to my people."

But we are just ordinary folks.

Who will listen?

"I will give you the words.

*I will always be with you as you speak
my words of truth and justice and love."*

***We gather here to worship you,
to praise you for your loving presence,
and to be strengthened for the calling
you have given us.***

HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory

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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

***O God,
in the midst of the cacophony of voices
that crush our spirit and deny our calling,
voices that say,
"Who do you think you are?"
we come to hear your voice of affirmation;
we come to hear your voice
calling us to be and do
what you have called us to be and do.
Let this time of worship quiet our fears,***

*soothe our bruised souls,
and energize us for ministry
in and with your beloved world.
Let faith abide.
Let hope abide.
Let love abide—
here in this sanctuary,
here in our community,
here in our world,
but most of all, here in us. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

- 1:4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
1:6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
1:7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.
1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
1:9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
1:10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalms 71:1-6 (Please read the bold text)

- 71:1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
71:2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
71:4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
71:5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
71:6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

- 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 13:3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 13:4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant
- 13:5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
- 13:6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
- 13:7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 13:8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.
- 13:9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
- 13:10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.
- 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.
- 13:12 For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
- 13:13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- 4:22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"
- 4:23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"
- 4:24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.
- 4:25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;
- 4:26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.
- 4:27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."
- 4:28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
- 4:29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.
- 4:30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God, who shapes the course of history,
it is so hard to be a prophet.
We're just ordinary folks.
What do you expect us to do?
Who will listen to us anyway?
Even if they do, they'll only get mad.
You'd do better to find someone else—
someone older, someone younger,
someone more articulate,
someone with more courage,
someone with more faith.
But still, we hear our call and your promise.
Forgive our feet of clay—
when we try and evade your call,
when we make excuses,
when we doubt your presence,
when we reject your prophets,
when we reject ourselves.
In the opportunities and challenges in our lives,
help us see that you are there,
and help us respond in faith, hope, and love. Amen*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Pastor: God is our rock and our fortress.
In God we find our hope and our strength.
We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love,
a love that has known us from birth
and will never leave us.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH (*United Church of Australia*)

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.
We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.
We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.
We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.
We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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The Gift of Love

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OFFERTORY

Pastorale on "St. Anne" Paul Manz

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Gracious and loving God,
receive our gifts of self and substance.
They have belonged to you
since our very beginning.
We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully.
With them we praise you.
With them we celebrate the great power
that is love—
a love that abides always,
a love that radically transforms,
a love that makes us whole. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major Johann Krebs

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Elijah Reddick, Student Scholar Thank You e-mail

Dear LTUMC scholarship committee, Hello and I hope you had an amazing Christmas and happy New Year! I have said this many times before but again, thank you so much for your continued support, prayers, and gift ...

... motivating to know that you have an entire group of people behind you and ready to support you at the first notice; thank you so, so much LTUMC.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Friday, February 11th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Tom know if you are attending at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Janet & Ed English, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Keith and Jackie Skivington, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently.

Please pray for our student scholars.

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1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lies, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL